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Second down: Brady, NFL held for no gain

Impasse. With no agreement between Tom Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, the case returns to court on Aug. 19.

NFL quarterback Tom Brady, left, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell exit the Manhattan federal court Wednesday evening. / MILES DIXON

Lawyers for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell argued about the star QB's role in last winter's Deflategate scandal and subsequent four-game suspension in Manhattan federal court on Wednesday.

They did not reach an agreement, and are due back in court on Aug. 19.

The civil sentencing conference was presided over by Judge Richard Berman, who had pressed both sides to settle the suspension controversy before it reached his courtroom.

"Some like them inflated more, some less," Berman said of Brady's footballs.

At issue is whether the NFL's collective bargaining agreement was violated, which Goodell lawyer Daniel Nash said was followed "completely."

Brady's lawyers maintained that there was no direct evidence that tied Brady to the football being deflated, and maintained that the quarterback would have turned over emails and text messages had he been told he would have been punished for not doing so.

"If anyone said 'turn over the emails,' he would have done so," said Brady's attorney Jeffrey Kessler.

The Goodell and Brady camps sat at separate tables, Brady behind Goodell, and both teams met privately in Judge Berman's chambers.

Before the hearing, Brady fans and foes gathered outside the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse in lower Manhattan, waiting for him to arrive.

"Tom Brady is the greatest thing in existence," said Mike Wanders, 26, of Queens, who wore a Brady jersey.

A handful of what seemed to be Brady adversaries wore plush, deflated football hats across the street from the courthouse. The hat wearers, however, were hawking the wares on behalf of Airheadzzz, a company that sells Deflategate hats.

"I want to know if he really did it," said Enid Peralta, 37, of the Bronx, who was wearing one of the hats. "I'm interested in the integrity of the game," said the Giants fan.

Richie Campos, an ironworker on a coffee break, said Brady had no choice but to fight the four-game suspension.

"If he doesn't fight, it's going to seem like he did know and he looks guilty, so [he must fight so] he doesn't look like a cheater" said Campos, from Far Rockaway.

Inside the courthouse, a few fans settled in for the hearing in an overflow room. Trevor Schramm, 20, had to turn his "Free Tom Brady" T-shirt inside out to get in.

"We've got to defend the wall, somehow, we have to support our boy," said Schramm, who took time out of his New York City vacation to attend the suspension conference.

"It's the least we can do for him."

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By the numbers

72%

ESPN recently polled 100 NFL players on the scandal: 72 percent believe the Patriots deflated the footballs.

84%

84 percent said they are not upset by it.

Quoted

"If anyone said 'turn over the emails,' he would have done so."

Jeffrey Kessler, Brady's attorney

Thomas Clabough / DCPI

Hate crime. Police arrest Queens man in wake of alleged SoHo bodega gay-bashing attack

Police have arrested a 57-year-old Queens man they say assaulted a gay couple in a SoHo bodega earlier this month.

Thomas Clabough was arrested on charges of assault-hate crime and attempted assault-hate crime, police said Wednesday.

Larry Lennox-Choate posted on Facebook after the attack that he and his husband, Daniel Lennox-Choate, were in the Soho Newstand on Prince Street when the suspect sucker punched Daniel. Police said the suspect went to the bodega to buy beer, and when inside yelled gay slurs at the couple and then assaulted them. He fled on a gray bicycle, police said.

"He left covered in his own blood with his tail between his legs after I handled the situation and tossed him in the street like the coward loser he is," Larry Lennox-Choate posted. "We refuse to be victims and are thankful we can defend ourselves, but are saddened by the fact that idiots like this guy might not pick two guys who went through Plebe Boxing next time."

Larry Lennox-Choate posted again a few days after the attack, calling on those who showed support after the attack to keep the momentum going.

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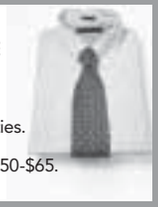

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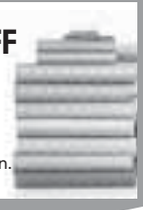

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Legionnaires' found in inmate on Rikers

Cooling towers. The corrections officers union head wants all jails tested for Legionnaires'.

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A 63-year-old inmate with underlying health woes has tested positive for Legionnaires' disease, officials said Tuesday night.

The inmate is now at a secure ward at Bellevue Hospital and is being treated with antibiotics.

The corrections officers union is demanding immediate action.

"The presence of Legionnaires' disease in a correctional facility is a ticking time bomb," Norman Seabrook, the union boss, said in a statement.

"We are calling on the Health Commissioner, Dr. Mary Bassett, to step up and immediately test every facility under the control of the Department of Corrections and to better share information with the DOC. The health and well being of thousands of corrections officers and inmates is at risk."

A City Hall spokeswoman said the case is not tied to the outbreak in the South Bronx that so far has killed 12. The ill 63-year-old man has been at Rikers since December and in court in Brooklyn twice, WPIX reported.

The six cooling towers were disinfected only a month ago, and will be cleaned again "out of an abundance of caution," the spokeswoman said.

Four more cases were identified in the South Bronx yesterday, bring the total of that outbreak to 119, officials said. A new case was also diagnosed in Rockland.

Legionnaires' is the third-most-common cause of pneumonia, with thousands dying each year. The cluster of infection in the South Bronx is what is unusual, health officials said.

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Cops arrested a suspect in Brooklyn this week after they found a gun hidden inside a fake Bible.

Officers from the 70th Precinct found the gun and at least 10 rounds in a case disguised as a King James Bible.

The "Bible" and gun / TWITTER

"The dangers our officers encounter," the precinct tweeted as a reminder late Tuesday.

The exact charges against the unidentified suspect were unclear as of Wednesday.

The precinct has seen an overall increase in shooting incidents in 2015, according NYPD Compstat numbers, with 15 reported incidents between January and early August.

A recent federal report by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found traceable gun seizures were down citywide, with a reported 3,552 collected in 2014.

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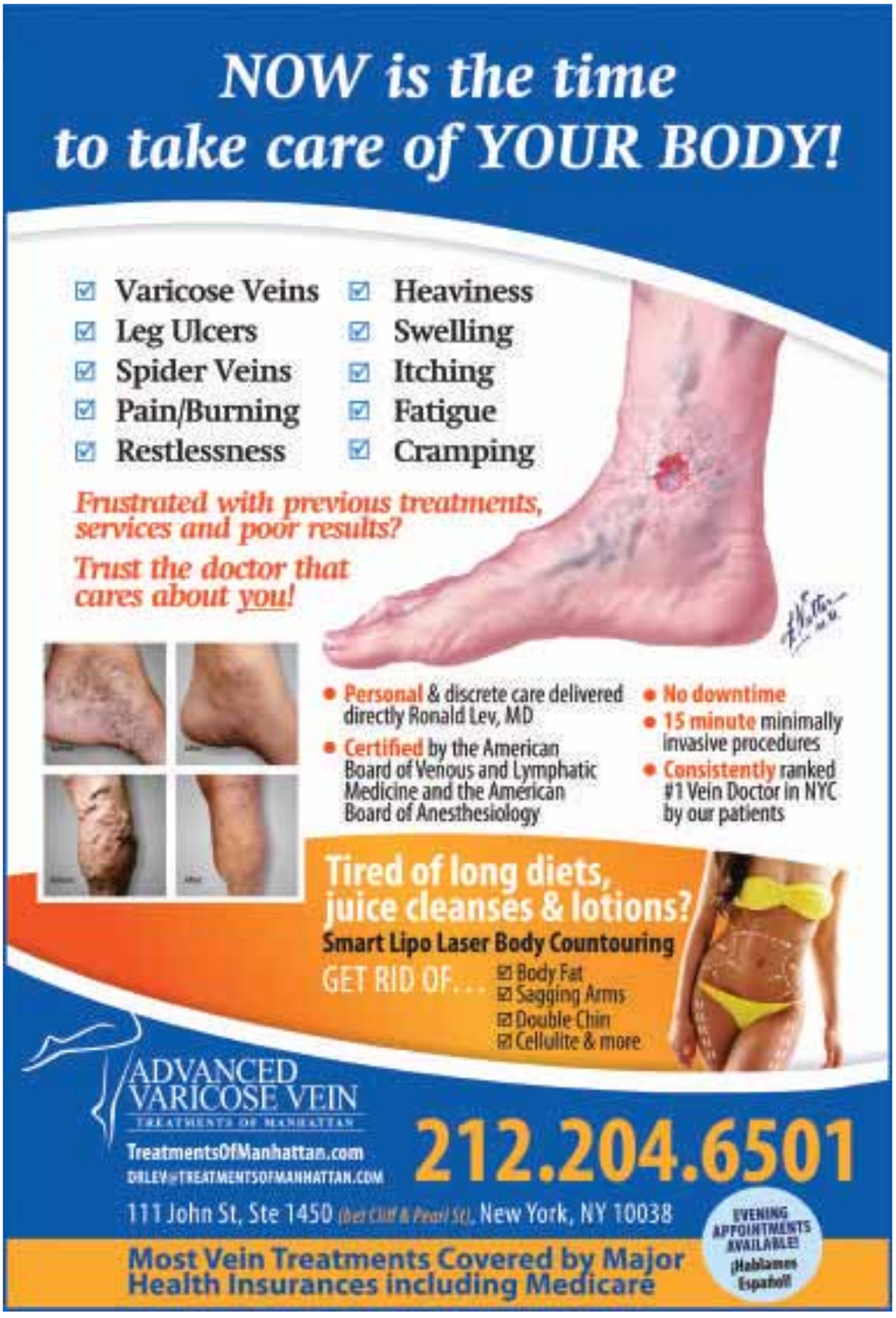
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NYC school test scores inch up

State exams. The mayor says more improvement is needed despite the progress.

Newly released state test scores for English and math showed a slight improvement citywide since last year. However, city officials said the achievement gap for students of color in New York City public schools still needs to be addressed.

The state Department of Education reported 35.2 percent of the city's nearly 1.2 million students met proficiency standards in math in 2015, compared to 34.2 percent in 2014.

In English, 30.4 percent of New York City students scored proficiently, up from 28.4 percent last year.

One look at the demographic breakdown, however, and the gap between black and Latino students and their white and Asian peers persists.

Overall, both white and Asian students tested above 50 percent proficiency in English, while Latino and black students scored below 20 percent.

Asian students scored the highest in math with 66 percent, followed by white students with about 55 percent. Some 23 percent of Latino students also scored well in math, compared to less than 20 percent of black students.

Mayor Bill de Blasio told reporters on Wednesday that the battle to close the gap is yet to start in earnest.

"We have not yet begun to fight," the mayor said. "We have just started. This is the real answer —– we have just started. And that gap will be addressed."

De Blasio focused instead on the report's silver linings.

"We see progress here," the mayor said. "We see improvements for our English-language learners, improvements for the young people who finished their English-language learning experience and then went on. We see improvements for Latino students, improvements for African-American students, but it's not enough."

Critics of the de Blasio administration's education policy pounced on the modest success.

"When more than two-thirds of students aren't being taught to read and write on grade level, you have to question who this system is designed to serve," said Jenny Sedlis, executive director of pro-charter school and reform group StudentsFirstNY, in a statement. "Incremental gains are not going to cut it."

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Illness

Former President Jimmy Carter says he has cancer

Former President Jimmy Carter said on Wednesday that recent liver surgery revealed he had cancer that had spread to other parts of his body.

"I will be rearranging my schedule as necessary so I can undergo treatment by physicians at Emory Healthcare," Carter, 90, said in a statement. "A more complete public statement will be made when facts are known, possibly next week."

Carter, a Democrat, served as the 39th president from 1977 to 1981 after defeating Republican incumbent Gerald Ford. He was defeated for reelection in 1980 by Republican Ronald Reagan.

Jimmy Carter / GETTY IMAGES

The Carter Center in Atlanta said last week that he had undergone elective surgery at Emory University Hospital to remove a small mass in his liver.

It added that the operation had proceeded without issues and that the prognosis was excellent for a full recovery.

Carter cut short a recent trip to Guyana in May after feeling unwell and returned to Atlanta. He had traveled to the South American country to observe their national elections. At the time, the center said only that Carter had departed to head back home after "not feeling well." REUTERS

Space station. Orbital ATK buys second Atlas rocket launch

The United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket / NASA HANDOUT

Orbital ATK Inc is buying a second Atlas rocket launch to fly supplies to the International Space Station for NASA while it redesigns its Antares booster following a launch accident last year, the aerospace company said on Wednesday.

The Oct. 28 accident, which occurred seconds after launch from Virginia's Wallops Island, destroyed a Cygnus capsule filled with cargo bound for the space station. A final report on the accident is pending.

In December, Orbital said it had bought an Atlas rocket launch from United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co., to help fulfill its $1.9 billion cargo delivery contract with NASA while it recovers from the accident.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed. The launch is targeted for early December from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida to the space station, a permanently staffed, $100 billion research laboratory.

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The space station flies about 250 miles above Earth.

After the accident, Orbital also advanced plans to replace Antares' troubled Soviet-era engines with new Russian-made RD-181 motors. The refurbished rocket is expected to be ready to fly in early 2016, with one or two more missions to follow that year, Orbital said.

The purchase of a second Atlas launch for a station resupply mission in 2016 will give Orbital some flexibility to deliver the maximum amount of cargo to the station under terms of its NASA contract, said Orbital spokeswoman Trina Helquist. REUTERS

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Dock. Huge explosions in China's Tianjin injures 180, death toll rises

People taking shelter on a street after a huge explosion in the northern Chinese port city of Tianjin. / GETTY IMAGES

Huge explosions hit an industrial area in the northeast Chinese port city of Tianjin late Wednesday, killing at least 14 people and injuring 180, state-run news agency Xinhua said. The explosion triggered a blast wave felt miles away.

State broadcaster China Central Television reported that blasts had erupted in a shipment of explosives at around 11:30 p.m. local time.

Video footage showed flames lighting up the night sky and state-run news agency Xinhua quoted residents in nearby districts as saying the blast had shattered windows.

The agency said the explosion had ripped through a warehouse storing "dangerous goods."

Citing a local hospital, Xinhua said more than 50 people had been wounded, mainly by broken glass and stones, and some were seriously hurt.

Central Television said on its website that no deaths had been reported. It said there had been two explosions within 30 seconds of each other and about 100 fire trucks had been sent to the scene. Xinhua said fireballs from an initial blast had ignited further explosions in premises nearby.

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Riot-torn Ferguson stays in state of emergency

Control. The decision was made following a shooting incident at a protest on Sunday night.

The St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Missouri, the site of a year of occasionally violent protests over the police killing of an unarmed black teen, will remain under a state of emergency for at least another night, county officials said on Wednesday.

The decision came after two nights of relatively peaceful protests, with the St. Louis County Police reporting no arrests or reports of injuries during a small demonstration by several dozen people Tuesday night into Wednesday morning.

A crowd of several dozen protesters took to West Florissant Avenue, which bore the brunt of the rioting, on Tuesday night. Demonstrators occasionally attempted to block traffic and threw rocks at police, but the conflict was defused, and no injuries to civilians or police were reported, county police said early Wednesday.

Police shot and critically wounded an 18-year-old black teen they said had fired at them during Sunday night's protests, when windows of businesses along the commercial stretch were smashed.

Police on Tuesday released a video of that shooting that they said showed the teen, Tyrone Harris, drawing a pistol from his pants. Harris has been charged with four counts of assault on law enforcement, five counts of armed criminal action and one count of shooting at a vehicle. Bond for Harris, who is black, was set at $250,000.

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Demonstrators protest along West Florrisant Avenue in Ferguson, Missouri. / GETTY IMAGES

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"I am pleased to report our law enforcement officers have established order while preventing further acts of violence in Ferguson. It is because of their ability to maintain order that I find it prudent to continue the state of emergency for at least the next 24 hours."

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1 California wildfire grows as crews work to protect communities

A wildfire running rampant through drought-parched vegetation in Northern California grew by several thousand acres overnight into Wednesday, as firefighters worked to stop the flames from spreading toward communities.

The so-called Jerusalem Fire, which was sparked on Sunday, has grown to cover 16,500 acres (6,677 hectares) of dry and rural ranchland north of Napa Valley wine country and is only 6 percent contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The fire has displaced about 150 people and threatens at least 50 more houses and ranches, department spokesman Steve Swindle said.

He said that while the burn area is sparsely populated, firefighters were working to keep flames from spreading south and threatening the communities around Lake Berryessa.

Overnight, firefighters merged part of the fire's northeastern edge with a southwestern stretch of a behemoth 69,636-acre blaze nearby, known as the Rocky Fire, as a way of burning through combustible vegetation, Swindle said.

"There is a lot of unburned fuel between those two fires," he said. **REUTERS**

AIR TANKER DROPS FIRE RETARDANT / GETTY IMAGES

2 US military helicopter crashes off Okinawa, seven hurt

A U.S. military helicopter crashed in waters off the Japanese southern island of Okinawa during a training mission on Wednesday, injuring seven people and prompting Japan's government to demand a probe and steps to prevent a recurrence.

The U.S. Army H-60 helicopter was damaged during a "hard-deck landing" aboard the USNS Red Cloud about 20 miles east of Okinawa, U.S. Forces Japan said. **REUTERS**

U.S. ARMY H-60

3 Retailer-developed mobile wallet to rival Apple Pay set for test

A retailer-backed rival to Apple Inc.'s Apple Pay mobile wallet will be tested with customers in a handful of stores in the next few weeks, ratcheting up competition in an increasingly cluttered market.

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Officials in a Texas county fired a deputy whose police dog died after he left it in his patrol car for more than 20 hours on a hot day, the Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office said on Wednesday.

The office has referred the case to the district attorney for the county west of Corpus Christi for possible prosecution. **REUTERS**

5 Kraft Heinz to cut 2,500 jobs in US and Canada

Kraft Heinz said it will eliminate 2,500 jobs in the United States and Canada, including about 700 at its headquarters in Northfield, Illinois.

Heinz, backed by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and Brazilian private equity firm 3G Capital — known as an aggressive cost-cutter — combined with Kraft in March in a $46 billion deal that created the third-largest North American food company.

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Straight outta the past

Aldis Hodge, Neil Brown Jr., Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell and O'Shea Jackson Jr. in "Straight Outta Compton." UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

F. Gary Gray brings N.W.A's story to the screen — and shines a light on life today.

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When it came to finding a director for "Straight Outta Compton," the biopic about pioneering hip-hop group N.W.A starting in the late '80s, it was a no-brainer to go with F. Gary Gray, who got his start directing Ice Cube's video for "It Was a Good Day" and made his feature debut with "Friday." And with the film's images of a militarized police force, frayed tensions between cops and citizens and protests erupting over police brutality going unpunished — in this case after the Rodney King trial — Gray's look back at life almost 30 years ago seems uncomfortably contemporary.

How does it feel to tell a story that takes place decades ago but is so remarkably current and relevant?

We didn't set out to prove a point in that way. I just wanted to stay true to the N.W.A story. Some of it is just a coincidence, but some of it is what makes this movie special and takes it far beyond just being a music biopic. These guys had a huge impact on popular culture. It's American history. I don't think they knew that what they were creating at the time would have that type of impact.

With so many recent instances of police brutality, how do you stay optimistic?

It's one thing when it's in the shadows or happens every once in a while and then we move on to another story about Kim Kardashian, but it's happening so often that I think any human being who continues to witness this can't help but push for change. Now, maybe I'm just optimistic to a fault and maybe this country will continue to go down the road of criminally destroying people, but I just don't believe that is going to happen. What makes me less optimistic is how quickly people do move on from these stories. But the video lasts forever. If you're an officer, and you know that you're going to be digitally ostracized, and your kids are going to see what you did, time after time on CNN, choking someone out or using excessive force — I think that type of pressure could shift the thinking of any human being, unless you're evil, and I don't believe in inherent evil.

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You can't fit everything into one movie. How did you choose what to leave out?

My job is just to serve the story and make sure all the choices serve the themes that we've set out to achieve. It was hard to sift through what we had and pick and choose. There was so much drama, so much controversy. Besides casting the movie, that was the hardest thing for me.

Were there any particular moments you were sad to see go?

There were some of the relationships with the women in their lives that I would've loved to see a little more of. But you never know when that might be coming. Maybe there's a director's cut.

Was there any thought of inserting yourself from back then in the story?

We would joke about that, like, "Hey, Gary Gray would probably be in the other room in this scene." But no, this movie's about them. I do have a quick cameo as an awful radio host that was thrown in at the last second, but that was about it.

The 'Bye, Felicia' origin, revealed — sorta

There's a moment in "Straight Outta Compton" when an angry husband storms N.W.A's hotel suite looking for his wife, Felicia, threatening violence. When the group ejects her from the party, Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson Jr., Cube's real-life son) utters the now-famous "Bye, Felicia." So are we witnessing the saying's roots?

"It's not the true origin. Shea came up with it at the end of the day, at four o'clock in the morning. It was a coincidence that her name was Felicia in the script, and it was just an off-the-cuff improv moment," director F. Gary Gray explains. "The creation of 'Bye, Felicia' actually happened in rehearsals for my movie 'Friday.' We put it in 'Friday,' and somehow it just took on a life of its own. I have no idea how or why it's even relevant right now. For the life of me, I wish I was smart enough to tell you how and why, but I'm rolling with it."

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‘Compton’ gives NWA their Great Men movie

‘Straight Outta Compton’

Director: F. Gary Gray
Stars: O’Shea Jackson Jr., Jason Mitchell
Rating: R

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A key scene in “Straight Outta Compton” finds the members of N.W.A shaken down by police officers while they stand on the sidewalk. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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Even a cheesy biopic about N.W.A would be a political act. It means the band had gone from being the scourge of the right wing and scolds in general to becoming official Great Men, their story ready to become simple myth. For the record, “Straight Outta Compton” is only part cheese, with sometimes on-the-nose expository dialogue and producers Ice Cube and Dr. Dre softening some of the punches.

But they don’t soften all of them. Every scene has life and, especially in the galvanizing first half, real, furious anger. It underlines what should have been clear from their songs — because the lyrics, you know, talked about it — but was often ignored, especially by those with power: that they weren’t thugs but artists trying to beam their message of desperation from an ignored chunk of the world to the masses. A scene where they’re shaken down by officers, one of them black, has an immediacy and a fury that saves it from cliche. It’s exactly the kind of scene that inspires one to blast “F— Tha Police”; here, our heroes go and create it.

The first half is better than the inescapably messy second, which extends the story post-breakup, resolving things with the death of Eazy-E (an uncanny Jason Mitchell, who’s still not as spot-on as O’Shea Jackson’s Cube — but then, Jackson is, in fact, Cube’s son). But the second half also shows true commitment, sticking with characters through the rough times, examining what happens after a breakthrough smash, watching as they mellow and change. It’s a mix of bad biopic tropes and good ones, offering the very un-biopic message that even the fieriest firebrand chills out. It even does this without getting to that time Cube remade “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House.”

About the soundtrack

It’s been 16 years since Dr. Dre released a studio album, but the rapper is back with “Compton,” the film’s soundtrack, out now. Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Snoop Dogg and Ice Cube are all featured on the album, and while it’s being praised overall, the song “Medicine Man,” featuring Eminem, is getting slammed for its controversial lyrics referencing rape. “I even make the b—es I rape c—m,” he raps on the track. Elsewhere on the album, Dr. Dre takes on various social and political issues, including racism. It’s as if he’s been sitting back studying culture, waiting for his moment to comment.

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‘The Man From UNCLE’

Director: Guy Ritchie
Stars: Henry Cavill, Armie Hammer
Rating: PG-13

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No one in mainstream cinema does man-love like Guy Ritchie. The real entertainment factor in “Sherlock Holmes” was the bitchy repartee between Holmes and Watson. There’s a token female in “The Man From U.N.C.L.E.” — a slinky mechanic (Alicia Vikander) whose atomic scientist uncle has been kidnapped by dastardly forces. But the real passion is between its two spies: American Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) and Russian Illya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer). When they first make eye contact during a car chase, it’s hate-love at first sight.

The studio has done a terrible job explaining to the kids what the source is, namely one of the ’60s better Bond knock-offs, which banded together U.S. and Soviet powers. For better and for worse, “U.N.C.L.E.” plays like a supersized episode — inconsequential, an excuse for smirky fun and the occasional (though too occasional) old-school gadget, bound to be repeated, with mild variations, over untold seasons. Cavill and Hammer aren’t Tracy and Hepburn, or Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law, but they, and Ritchie’s direction, are personable enough to wish the next installment was next week. MP

Henry Cavill and Armie Hammer get close in “The Man From U.N.C.L.E.” WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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Greta Gerwig sits at the center (or center bottom) of an ensemble cast during the screwball stretch of "Mistress America." FOX SEARCHLIGHT

'Mistress America'

Director: Noah Baumbach
Stars: Lola Kirke, Greta Gerwig
Rating: R

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"Everyone I love dies," Greta Gerwig's Brooke slips in between two lighthearted one-liners. It comes so fast and out of nowhere that an inattentive viewer could miss it entirely — just one of many splutterings that spurt forth in a never-ceasing geyser of quotables. Brooke has a chaotic New York life, a patchwork of odd jobs and questionable living spaces. The film — Gerwig and filmmaker Noah Baumbach's second screenwriting team-up, after "Frances Ha" — is also chaotic, though in a more controlled way. It's a study of female friendship that eventually turns into a screwball comedy that soon becomes about unwitting betrayal, all of it held together through pluck and hustle and bubble gum — the same way Brooke ekes out her existence.

The real hero is Lola Kirke's Tracy, an impressionable freshman who quickly falls under her sway. Their misadventures are cut short mid-film by a trip to a New England manse populated by equally gabby grotesques. But "Mistress America" has a bigger surprise up its sleeve, turning, as Baumbach's "While We're Young" recently did, into a study of the ethics of representation, this time in fiction rather than in documentary. The gearshift sticks better than it did there, but even if it didn't, "Mistress America" would still be a charmer, not unlike the way Brooke is able to charm her young charge. One goes along with it grasping the theater's armchairs à la a roller coaster car, emerging with the kind of whiplash that makes you get right back in line. MP

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Machine Gun Kelly doesn't want to take a selfie with you

Machine Gun Kelly's new album "General Admission" is out this fall. CASEY MCPERRY

The rapper talks about the downfall of celebrity culture, his struggles to stay sober and what he thinks of the whole Meek Mill and Drake drama.

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Usually when a musician disappears from the spotlight for a few years, he or she has to consciously build the momentum back up. That is not the case with Machine Gun Kelly. Though it's been three years since his last album, he is reemerging on the scene with a highly anticipated new release ("General Admission," out this fall), a naked photoshoot for Inked magazine and paparazzi trailing him and girlfriend Amber Rose. And his 1.5 million Instagram followers haven't gone anywhere.

"Part of being a fan is waiting," Kelly says. "Fourteen-year-olds growing up in 2015 don't know what it's like to be a true fan because social media makes [celebrities] too accessible. They demand a response. I wanted to give [fans] a moment of anticipation, like what I felt from my favorite artists growing up."

Straight from his journal

While Kelly's music has always been rooted in storytelling, he says his new album in particular gives deeply personal, specific details about what he's been facing the past few years. "[I experienced] a lot of happy moments, a lot of painful moments and some reality checks," he says.

"There were some moments of seeing five missed calls from my daughter because we were supposed to FaceTime, but I got so caught up in recording and getting high that I completely forgot."

Struggling to stay sober

The rapper has been open with his struggles of being addicted to heroin, and though he attended rehab in the past after his habit led him to homelessness, he says he is still using drugs. "It's just part of the lifestyle. Being on 10-hour drives and late nights leads to temptations. You just can't escape it."

On that whole Meek Mill/Drake beef

Still, there's plenty about hip-hop culture that he loves, like the fighting words rappers can't help but throw at each other. When asked what he thinks about the drama going down between Drake and his friend, and collaborator, Meek Mill, Kelly says, "I love it. That's what hip-hop is all about. Hip-hop is about being a pit bull and going for the top spot." And now that he's back in the spotlight, he's ready for haters to take their shot. "I can't wait for someone to try that bulls—t with me."

Machine Gun Kelly

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Aries You will be the focus of positive attention today. Others will be glad to listen to your ideas. This is a great time to drum up support for a venture.

Taurus You will face a frustrating challenge. Things will not go as smoothly as you had hoped unless you are prepared to slow down.

Gemini Communication will come into play as you sort through some disturbing problems. Effort will bring resolution to issues that arise.

Cancer Financial woes are evident, especially if you are handling other people's affairs. Make sure all the paperwork is complete and accurate.

Leo Use your energy wisely. Take on a physical challenge that will pump you up and get you motivated to expand your interests.

Virgo Someone will be reluctant to divulge important information. Be prepared to dig deep in order to get the answers you are looking for.

Libra You are brimming with confidence and innovative ideas. If you speak up, you will leave a favorable impression on someone.

Scorpio If you aren't happy with your current situation, make a change. Consider picking up the skills you will need to move to an interesting vocation.

Sagittarius Focus less on what others are doing and more on your own tasks. You can get a great deal done if you refuse to let anyone interfere.

Capricorn Look over your personal financial plan. You will receive a tempting offer, but make sure everything is on the up-and-up.

Aquarius Revealing too much personal information to a new acquaintance will turn out to be costly. Don't do anything that will leave you vulnerable.

Pisces Your outgoing personality will lead to an unexpected offer. Your thirst for knowledge will send you in a new direction. EUGENIA LAST

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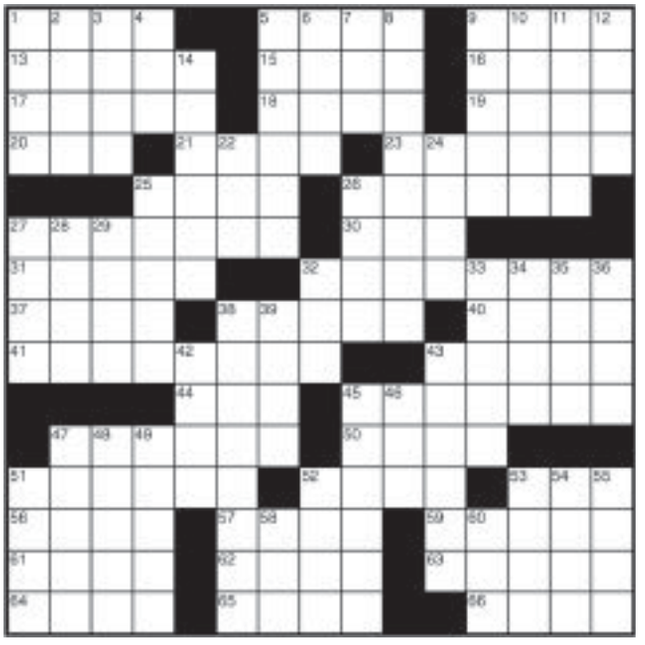

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20 Dew glistener
21 Steakhouse order
23 Champagne glasses
25 Rolling — — (rich)
26 More hard up
27 Eye makeup
30 Conquistador's quest
31 Be of benefit
32 Pale yellow
37 High flier
38 Shoreline indentation
40 Scurried along
41 Be a ham
43 Red Sea peninsula
44 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
45 Glimmer
47 Trilobite, e.g.
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66 Dramatic intro (hyph.)

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5 Greek city-state
6 Townshend or Seeger
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9 Longest bone
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11 Bonfire residue
12 Deficit
14 Springlike
22 Diver's need
24 Tower over
25 More frosty
26 Sponge feature
27 Hammerhead kin
28 Tel —
29 Jade
32 Thickness
33 Lorelei's river
34 Shoat quote
35 Apply caulking
36 McClurg or Brickell
38 Obama's and Lincoln's home
39 Claw or talon
42 "El —" (Marty Robbins tune)
43 Tot minder
45 Boxer's attire
46 Sickly pale
47 Large bill
48 Grimm heavies
49 Night racket
51 Leading
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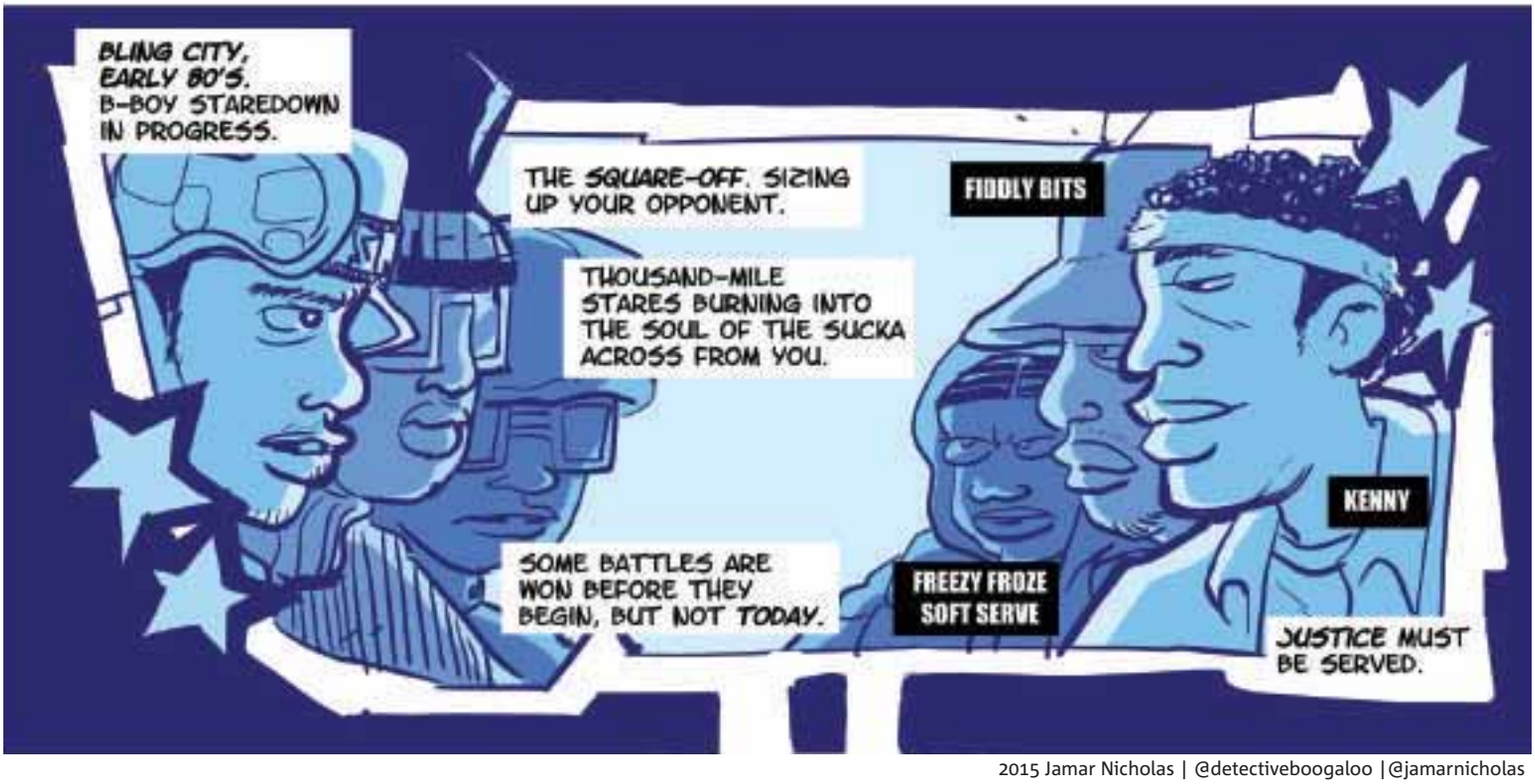
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Life on the Fringe

Even here, in the global capital of theater, the New York International Fringe Festival (FringeNYC.org) still manages to show us something new. From Aug. 14-30, you can see dozens of new avant-garde plays, musicals, sketch comedy and more productions unlike anything on- or off-Broadway — and for the low price of $18 per show. (And, because Metro is the official newspaper partner of the festival, sign up for Club Metro for a chance at a VIP pass.) With over 200 shows, there's something for everyone — but it's also impossible to see them all, so here are five not to miss. **T. MICHELLE MURPHY**

'Schooled'

You don't need to be in this city for longer than 10 minutes to realize that greed is the most necessary element of success. The dangers of blind ambition crystallize for two students competing for a prestigious grant given out by a less-than-moral professor. When sex, money and dignity are just the start of what's on offer, this dark new play forces all of us to ask what we'd give to get what we want.

'Naked Hamilton'

No, it's not that "Hamilton" — this is the story of a washed-up sex worker and her ex-lover, who get kicked out of their favorite dive bar and start a battle between the new patrons and their neighborhood's longtime residents. They might as well be talking about NYC. Best of all, "Naked Hamilton" actually takes place in a bar (the East Village's DROM), so you can drink right along with the characters.

'A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again'

David Foster Wallace's essay has been adapted for the stage by Christopher Duva, who also stars in this one-man show. The story follows the author's downward spiral on a weeklong luxury cruise, handling his encounters with crazy tourists, sexy stewardesses and an arch-nemesis ship's captain.

'Stockholm Savings'

A bank robbery turns into a hostage situation, and then gets even worse when reporters descend and begin twisting the event into a sellable storyline, complete with debates over LGBT rights, racism and police brutality. And that's just the tip of the iceberg when social media gets involved. Will the real story break through the noise?

'I Want to Kill Lena Dunham'

What happens when you move to Brooklyn thinking your life's going to be just like "Girls," and instead you face the reality of living broke and alone? Nora knows who to blame: Lena Dunham, who seems to be personally mocking her. The title may be hyperbole, but we all remember realizing that NYC is not like it appears in TV.

Summer is not over yet

Have you made the most of the sun and fun? Here's your pre-Labor Day checklist.

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We don't want to rain on your summer days, but they're coming to an end quicker than you realize. It's only a few weeks until Labor Day, the unofficial end of the season. So before we all get swept up into the craziness of back-to-school, the holiday season and every other unpleasantness that seems to arrive all at once on Sept. 8, here's your warm-weather to-do list to make the best of what's left.

Explore the urban wilderness of Governors Island

Get there first thing in the morning, because seeing everything is going to take some doing. Luckily, there's now CitiBike to get you around to the food trucks, a minigolf course, an interactive sculpture garden and a whole field of hammocks, plus festivals galore (this weekend is your last chance to kick it with the cool cats at the Jazz Age Lawn Party). **Through Sept. 27**

Get inspired by Frida Kahlo

Far from being just another pretty exhibit, the New York Botanical Garden created a faithful replica of Kahlo's Casa Azul so you, too, can walk through the scenery that inspired her art (of which there are over a dozen pieces on display). Go on a Frida Al Fresco night and you'll be part of a Mexican garden party with live music and an outdoor cantina serving Kahlo's own recipes (to go with your free drink). **Through Nov. 1, NYBG.org**

Sink your toes into the sand at Surf City

For Manhattanites, one stop on the PATH to feel like you're at the beach is a no-brainer. This sprawling riverfront bar just across the Hudson in Jersey City is straight out of Florida, serving a rainbow of frozen drinks and a shrimp ceviche that's second to none on the "mainland." Lounge under umbrellas by day, digging your toes into its sandy beach, then gather by the fire pit at night. **SurfCityBar.com**

No beach blankets needed at Surf City — there's tons of seating. EVA KIS

Spend an afternoon at Citi Field

You don't have to be a Mets fan to appreciate Citi Field, a great place to spend an afternoon. The breezy, open-plan corridors hold tons of food options, and lets you watch the action from pretty much anywhere. If you are a fan, the team is one of the best in the league right now, and trust us: Bartolo Colon is even better to watch in person.

Summer fun lives on Coney Island

Yes, the subway ride out to Coney Island is long, but at the end is a near-magical spot where the old and new New Yorks meet — take in a circus sideshow then nosh on this summer's must-have eats at Tacoway Beach; Luna Park is old-fashioned midway fun meets state-of-the-art thrills; movie nights on a floating screen and all that boardwalk. Go this Saturday for the Sand Sculpting Contest.

Go boating in Central Park

There's no better way to indulge your historical novel fantasies than rowing a boat in the Lake ($12 for an hour). The idyll of it all could awaken your inner Evelyn Waugh, or just make for a great way to bask in the splendor of late summer before it's nothing but a memory.

Rage at an outdoor party

It takes a special kind of love for music to hit up a festival, but outdoor parties don't just come jumbo-sized. Dance in the street during Mister Sunday, a weekly all-day block party at Brooklyn's Industry City ($15); there's MoMA PS1 Warm Up for the arty crowd looking to check out the best foreign turntable talent ($18); and Thursdays after 5 p.m. is the electronic Air a Danser at the Caribbean-by-way-of-Flatbush spot Battery Harris.

Find the next big hit at Smorgasburg

The city's first, and still best, outdoor food market attracts so much talent that Brooklyn can't even handle it anymore. This summer, Smorgasburg expanded to Queens, Coney Island and the South Street Seaport, for lots of chances to discover the chefs who will be opening the hottest new restaurants next spring and summer. You can say you knew them when — and when you could still afford their food.

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Everyone's favorite octogenarian sex therapist tells us how to stay feisty and happy, too, according to her new book, "The Doctor Is In: Dr. Ruth on Sex, Love, and Joie De Vivre."

COMEDY

Punderdome 3000

Aug. 18, 8 p.m.
Highline Ballroom
431 W. 16th St.
$15+, HighlineBallroom.com
The Punderdome is a long-running weekly event, but next week the amateurs are going to lock horns with the pros at the New York Post.

MUSIC

Plastic Ono Band

Aug. 14-15, 7:30 p.m.
Titus 2 Theater, Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53rd St.
$65, Moma.org
This one is pretty much a no-brainer: the chance to see Yoko Ono perform live. The 85-year-old experimental artist will be playing with the Plastic Ono Band, which was conceived with John Lennon in 1969.

Black Violin

Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
Rockwood Music Hall
196 Allen St.
$20, RockwoodMusicHall.com
It's instruments you recognize with musicians you'd never expect, making sounds you've probably never heard before. Intrigued? Black Violin mix classical music with hip-hop, and have opened for Kanye West and performed for President Obama.

ART

'In Search of One City'

Aug. 13-Oct. 10
Old Stone House
336 Third St., Brooklyn
$3, TheOldStoneHouse.org
There's hardly a hotter topic than income inequality. Art has a way of making issues more palatable, and a new exhibit at The Old Stone House in Park Slope has asked artists to dive into the topic and how it affects NYC.

ARTS

Broadway in Bryant Park

Aug. 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Bryant Park Stage
Sixth Avenue between 40th and 42nd Sts.
Free, BryantPark.org
It's the last week to catch some of Broadway's top talents performing excerpts from their shows for free. This Thursday, take a long lunch to catch numbers from current productions like "Hand to God," "The King and I" and a special preview of this fall's "Dames at Sea" as well as the highly anticipated "Spring Awakening" revival.

JOAN MARCUS

FOOD & DRINK

Battle of the Burger

Aug. 19, 5:30-10:30 p.m.
South Street Seaport
$50, Timeout.com
In a contest to pick the city's best burger, everyone wins. Manning the grill will be the 18 finalists of a preliminary vote, including burger specialists Genuine Roadside and restaurants with a broader scope like BarKogi.

Tap+Cork Brooklyn

Aug. 15, 2-8 p.m.
Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton St. $20, TapCorkNYC.com
Happy hour or not, you won't find a better drink deal. Your ticket gets you 15 (out of 40+) 3 oz. pours, so it's a good thing there will be various Bed-Stuy restaurants chipping in food.

FUN

Times Square Kiss-In

Aug. 14, 11 a.m.
200 W. 43rd Street
Free, TimesSquareNYC.org
Every five years, Times Square invites couples to reenact the iconic kiss between a sailor and a nurse at the end of World War II. All couples are welcome, preferably in costume, with the first 200 receiving sailor caps and roses. T. Michelle Murphy

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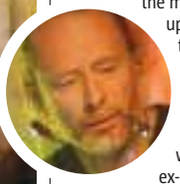
Broadway is getting the Thom Yorke treatment



"Thom Yorke" and "Broadway" aren't usually words that go together, but the Radiohead singer is lending his musical talents to theater by composing the music for the upcoming production of Harold Pinter's "Old Times."

The play is about a woman who visits her ex-roommate, who is now married. They used to be great friends, but the wife never mentioned the friend to her husband, and throughout the course of her visit, old stories and secrets come out. (You weren't expecting sunshine and rainbows when Radiohead is involved, right?)

"In true Thom Yorke style, the music is epic, heartbreaking, irresistible and complex," director Douglas Hodge says.

Previews for the play begin Sept. 17 at the American Airlines Theatre.

Emily Laurence

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Rendering of Norwegian Escape

Coming soon to the Caribbean

In the next few years, there will be several exciting new ways to cruise to the gorgeous beaches of the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

Anthem of the Seas bumper cars

Norwegian Escape

In November, Norwegian Cruise Line's newest build, the 4,248-passenger Norwegian Escape, will begin sailing out of Miami to the Bahamas and the Caribbean. Exciting new features include a restaurant created with Philadelphia-based Food Network star and "Iron Chef" Jose Garces, a Jimmy Buffett-themed margarita bar, a supper club with a John Hughes homage and the largest water park at sea. During the inaugural season, six-night eastern Caribbean cruises start at $569 per person.

Anthem of the Seas

Also in November, Royal Caribbean's newest ship, Anthem of the Seas, will begin sailing to the Caribbean out of New York City. The ship's already celebrated features include bumper cars, a bar with robot bartenders, an Italian restaurant by British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and a skydiving simulator.

Anthem of the Seas Bionic Bar

Five-night cruises from Cape Liberty, New Jersey, to Bermuda start at $557.

Fathom volunteers

Fathom

Starting in May 2016, Carnival's new Fathom brand, which will focus on volunteerism and cultural exchange, will offer alternating weekly sailings to Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Carnival announced in July that the company has received approval from both the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Commerce to begin these regular sailings to Cuba.

The announcement comes in the wake of President Barack Obama's declaration of a loosening of restrictions on travel to the island.

These weekly sailings will be on the line's first ship, the 710-passenger Adonia.

Prices for the seven-day immersion cruises will start at $2,990 per person and include cultural and social impact activities.

> **Next spring, Fathom will start offering cruises to Cuba on the new 710-passenger Adonia.**

While Carnival is the first U.S. cruise corporation to announce regular sailings, U.S. governmental approval is just the first step in what Carnival President Arnold Donald says is a 12-step process to begin sailing to Cuba.

Virgin Cruises

It's still a few years away, but that doesn't mean we can't begin getting excited now. Starting in 2020, Virgin Cruises will sail seven-day Caribbean cruises out of Miami when they launch. The U.K.-based luxury brand is sure to shake things up in the Caribbean's warm yet serene waters, where cruisers haven't seen anything quite this trendy on the high seas.

The new line's ships, of which three have been ordered, will carry 2,860 passengers each. Prices for the indulgence of sailing the Caribbean in style have not yet been announced.

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There's a lot more than trail riding. Family resorts have pools, games and kids' activities, while others have spas and gourmet dining. It's worth checking for specials, including singles weekends and bachelor/bachelorette parties. Here are good places to pull on your boots and breeches:

Malibu Dude Ranch

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3 SPORTS

Things to watch when Giants play Bengals

NFL. Joint practices will give way to a full-contact battle Friday night in Cincinnati.

The Giants have been in Cincinnati since Monday afternoon, first to engage in joint practices with the Bengals on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then for Friday's preseason opener.

And while the practice sessions were amicable, Friday night's contest will likely display a more physical and intense nature, as players from both sides will begin their fight to keep their jobs and stick on the roster.

Naturally, the star players are likely safe from being cut, but that doesn't mean they'll go through their limited reps halfheartedly. These are two physical teams who will be looking to impose its will on the other in hopes of coming together in time for the regular season opener.

Metro takes a look at a few storylines to watch as the game progresses.

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1 How the first teams match up

These are the two strengths of the respective teams. And while there may not be many reps to see from either unit, it'll still be telling to see how they perform.

The Giants had some success during their joint sessions, as second-year running back Andre Williams broke off more than a few solid runs in full-contact drills. Second-year phenom Odell Beckham Jr. was his usual near-unstoppable self, and running back Shane Vereen showed why he's one of the league's best receiving options out of the backfield during one-on-one sessions. The maligned offensive line also held its own at times in handling Cincinnati's vaunted front seven, including nice work from rookie left tackle Ereck Flowers, who was working through a hip flexor injury. There won't be much work by either starting unit, but if Big Blue holds its own during those few reps, it'll go a long way in building the team's confidence.

2 A star reborn?

Wideout Corey Washington was last year's preseason sensation — so much so that some thought he'd take the path of Victor Cruz, who also shined as a preseason unknown years ago and later transformed into one of the league's stars. Alas, Washington did follow in Cruz's footsteps, as he went from stellar summer star to a Fall afterthought – much like Cruz did following his breakout rookie preseason. Washington has looked impressive during his battles with Cincinnati's secondary, as he's repeatedly made several tough catches in traffic. He'll need to make a case to stay on the roster.

3 Banged-up secondary

Third-year cornerback Jayron Hosley has made the switch from primarily a slot defender to an outside defender, meaning he'll get some chances to cover the Bengals' star wideout A.J. Green. Hosley has started at corner with Prince Amukamara (groin) and Chykie Brown (knee) not in action this week, meaning he may well start opposite Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. During practices, Hosley saw plenty of time on Green, and wasn't really embarrassed by the All-Pro, although he did get beat for a touchdown toward the end of one practice.

Jawmageddon

Bills claim Jets' sucker puncher

After the Jets released linebacker IK Enemkpali for his "sucker punch" to Geno Smith's face (a strike that broke the quarterback's jaw), Rex Ryan decided to give the player a second chance, signing him Wednesday.

Preseason opener

Jets vs. Lions: Three things to watch

Well that escalated quickly.

The New York Jets are no longer Geno Smith's team, at least not for the time being, and the team is left to move on without their presumptive starter at quarterback. But there is actual football ahead for this team with Thursday night's preseason opener in Detroit against the Lions.

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1 Jace not the ace

How will tight end Jace Amaro respond now that he has fallen to third on the team's depth chart? Amaro, a second-round pick last year who led all rookie tight ends in receptions, is now behind Kellen Davis and Jeff Cumberland on the pecking order. It is a fast and furious fall from grace for a player who was being hyped this time last year. If he can show solid blocking and make a catch or two (with no drops) against the Lions, it would go a long ways toward alleviating his precipitous drop. Amaro has talent but has lacked consistency so far in the league.

2 Guard play

Right now, Willie Colon is the starting left guard as the incumbent starter (Colon was cut this offseason and then re-signed with the team in March) is getting the majority of first-team reps. But it will be interesting to see how this thing plays out. Colon is coming off the PUP list and had injuries as well as far too many penalties last year. Perhaps Brent Qvale or Dakota Dozier can step up and claim the spot with a good preseason.

3 Play ball

This is it. No more talk about Geno Smith, $600, a glass jaw, a sucker punch, whatever. No more Sheldon Richardson and his arrest. This is football. Time to see if the team can put the back pages and the headlines behind them and come together as a unit. It isn't an easy test for first-year head coach Todd Bowles but he'll get thrown right into the fire. He noted that Tuesday's practice was good in the immediate aftermath of "Genogate." Let's see if he can bring this locker room together.

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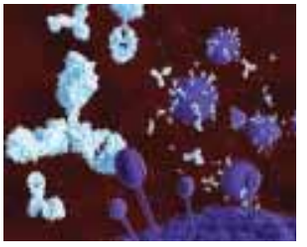

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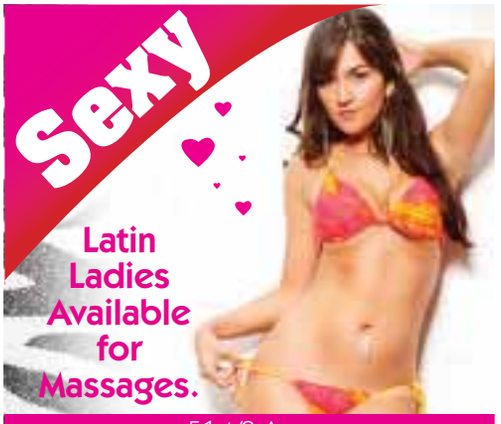

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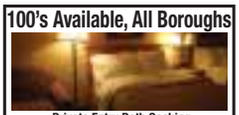

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